

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with genuine respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Rudolph W. Nickens, Jr., of Saint Louis County has attained considerable distinction as the Executive Director of the Saint Louis Black Repertory Company; and

**Whereas**, on Thursday, May 19, 2005, Rudy Nickens will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he is presented with the Region As One Award from the Coro Leadership Center-Saint Louis; and

**Whereas**, the former Vice President of Saint Louis 2004, Rudy Nickens served as project manager for three of the organization's eleven major initiatives with responsibility for the creation and implementation of the Workforce Diversity Program, Zero Tolerance for Hate Program, and Ceasefire Program to Reduce Youth and Gang Violence; and

**Whereas**, Rudy Nickens also organized the Leadership Summit, a two-day retreat for CEOs of the Saint Louis region's largest employers to help them develop strategies to attract and retain minority professionals in their companies; developed and staffed The Diversity Officers Network, a collaboration of senior human resource and diversity specialists from major corporations located throughout the Saint Louis region; and established the Minority Corporate Network which providing networking, educational, and professional development programs for more than 3,000 minority professionals working in Saint Louis companies; and

**Whereas**, the Region As One Award from the Coro Leadership Center-Saint Louis is given to an individual who demonstrates exemplary and innovative leadership in the area of regional collaboration and in directing initiatives that help lower natural barriers in the diverse communities:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Rudy Nickens for the Coro Region As One Award and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Rudolph W. Nickens, Jr., of Saint Louis County, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Margaret Donnelly  
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker